

REMARKS

Office Action

In the Office Action mailed on February 4, 2009, the Examiner rejected claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. 101 for failing to claim statutory subject matter. Claims 1-2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 5,146,346 to Knoll (hereinafter "Knoll"). Claims 3-7 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten to incorporate the limitations of a rejected base claim and any intervening claims provided the section 101 ground of rejection was overcome. Claims 8-16 were indicated as being allowable.

Response

Section 101 Ground of Rejection

Claim 1

Claim 1 has been amended to tie the process to a particular apparatus, namely, a full color printing station. Thus, Applicants submit that claim 1 now conforms to the statutory requirements for patentable subject matter. Because claims 2 and 4-7 depend from claim 1, these claims likewise constitute patentable subject matter.

Section 102 Ground of Rejection

Claims 1-2 and 4-7

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowable subject matter. In accordance with the Examiner's instructions, claim 1 has also been amended to

recite the limitations of claim 3, which previously depended directly from claim 1. Thus, Applicants submit that claim 1 is patentable over all references of record, either alone or in combination. Because claims 2 and 4-7 depend from amended claim 1, these claims are also patentable.

Conclusion

Applicants have amended claim 1 to overcome the section 101 ground of rejection and to conform to the Examiner's instructions for obtaining allowance of claim 3. Thus, all of the pending claims are patentable over all references of record, either alone or in combination. Reexamination and allowance of all pending claims are earnestly solicited.

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